



# CITY OF BRAZIL

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## CITY TO CELEBRATE 140<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AT POPCORN FESTIVAL

*Brazil, Indiana* On October 1, 1866; the articles of incorporation were submitted to the qualifying citizens of the proposed site. The advertisement of the election had been published in the Brazil Independent and Home Weekly, and ten copies of the notice had also been posted. Joseph T. Liston was at that time president of the Board of Commissioners, under whose direction the election and the proceedings of incorporation took place.

On the morning designated, at nine o'clock, the legal voters began assembling at "the frame church at log No. 6, Brackney's addition," to the Town of Brazil. Evelyn Montgomery was clerk of election. The record reads that one hundred and twenty-one of these voted for incorporation, and nine against.

The city was then divided into three election districts, the township line and Meridian Street begin the north and south dividing lines. The first election was held at the office of Isaac M. Compton on December 18, 1866. Three trustees, a school trustee, clerk, treasurer, assessor, and marshal were the officials voted for. The successors of the election were:

Jacob Thomas, Thomas Desart, and John Ackelmire; Board of Town Trustees  
Evelyn Montgomery; School Trustee  
Eli Hendrix; Treasurer  
D.W. Bridges; Clerk  
Samuel Hollingsworth; Assessor and Marshal

To celebrate this historic mile-stone, the City of Brazil will host a 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Popcorn Festival on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at 1:00 PM. To celebrate this event, the city will serve **free cake** until 2:00 PM at the North Side of the Bandshell in Forest Park.